

5.3B

Why We Use Commas (Part Two)

Commas are needed in the sentences in this activity for six reasons:

- A. Set off parenthetical expressions
- B. Set off the salutation of a friendly letter and the closing of any type of letter
- C. Set off items in dates and addresses
- D. Set off names in direct address
- E. Set off nonessential clauses and nonessential participle phrases
- F. Set off appositives and appositive phrases

For each sentence below, determine why the comma is inserted within that particular sentence. Write the reason's corresponding letter on the line next to the number. Each of the letters will be used at least once, and some will be used more than once.

1. _____ George, are you implying that he is less than honest?
2. _____ Dwayne was born on July 22, 1994.
3. _____ These counselors, who like to visit different American colleges, will meet with the transfer students this morning.
4. _____ The White House is located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC, 20500.
5. _____ Of course, we will let you know as soon as we can.
6. _____ Nevertheless, I will answer her question.
7. _____ Respectfully yours,
8. _____ Sincerely yours,
9. _____ Jeremy, are you hearing this?
10. _____ My new home, which is located near the mall, needs to be painted.
11. _____ George Costanza, a character on *Seinfeld*, is hilarious.
12. _____ The most incriminating piece of evidence, the knife, has been located by the detectives.
13. _____ Dear Serena,
14. _____ Are you looking for this book, Peter?
15. _____ Rosita, looking at her target, concentrated on hitting the bull's-eye.